Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Earl Brockelsby started the Reptile Gardens in Rapid City in 1937; and,

WHEREAS, Earl has been involved with South Dakota tourism for the past 60 years; and,

WHEREAS, Earl helped upgrade the quality of tourist attractions in the Black Hills, and helped create the Family Approved Attractions subgroup of the Black Hills, Badlands and Lakes Association; and,

WHEREAS, In 1981, Earl won the Ben Black Elk Award for the promotion of South Dakota tourism; and,

WHEREAS, Earl has been involved with many businesses, employing literally thousands of people in his lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, Reptile Gardens is celebrating its 50th anniversary this summer, and Earl is sponsoring a free luncheon and open house for everyone who worked at the Gardens in the past half-century; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper for the Governor of South Dakota to make note of the memorable milestones in the lives of one of its outstanding citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 19, 1987, as

EARL BROCKELSBY DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE